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BIG HALIBUT STEAMER LOST

CREW OF THE GRANT TOOK TO DORIES AND ALL WERE PICKED UP.

The halibut steamer Grant of Seattle, Wash., went ashore off White Rock, Banks Island, and sank a week ago Tuesday night. Her crew of 40 men took to the dories and were picked up by the Canadian fishing steamer Falcon from Prince Rupert, B. C. The Grant had 30,000 pounds of halibut on board. She was owned by the San Juan Fishing & Packing Co., of Seattle, and was formerly a United States revenue cutter.

HAD BAD WEATHER.

And Dogfish Too Have Been Bothing Nova Scotia Fishermen.

The bulletin of the Canadian department of marines and fisheries has the following relative to the fisheries and conditions of the past week along the Nova Scotia coast:

Nova Scotia.—In Victoria county the weather was unfavorable. Bait was generally scarce, but in some districts squid was fairly plentiful. Dogfish continued to give trouble.

Operations were interrupted by stormy weather in Iverness county.

In Cape Breton county the weather was favorable for fishing, and dogfish were not so plentiful as during the previous month. Scarcity of bait, however, retarded codfishing operations. Fall mackerel did not visit the shores of the county as in other years.

There was no fishing carried on during October in Hants and Colchester counties. In Cumberland county, oysters only were landed.

Rough weather operated against profitable fishing during the month in Guysborough county. Dogfish gave much trouble, and bait was rather scarce.

Blustery weather, dogfish and scarcity of bait interrupted fishing in Halifax county.

In the eastern part of Queens county, scarcity of fish has caused fishermen to practically give up codfishing for the balance of the season. Many mackerel are said to have passed along the coast during the month, but rough weather prevented fishermen from keeping their gear out.

The weather conditions were fair in Shelburne county, but cod, haddock and mackerel were scarce. Herring of good quality were very plentiful, however.

In Digby county, the weather was rough and windy during the first part of the month, but fine during the last two weeks.

Salt Mackerel Market.

The situation in shore salt mackerel is unchanged from the last few weeks. Prices continue high because so few fish have been packed along the shore and because of the high figures quoted for foreign fish. During the week comparatively few fish came forward, holders, apparently, not being anxious to force stocks on a dull market.

A fair trade is noted in foreign salt mackerel says the fishing Gazette, but several big sales of the week call for deliveries next month, buyers hoping prices will take some kind of a drop after the new year sets in. Stocks here are large in certain quarters, but are firmly held at prices unchanged for the last few weeks. Importations are of fair quantities. At Boston the total for the week ending Monday last was 300 barrels. To all other ports the total was 1,300 barrels. Total shipments to this country of Irish mackerel to December 19 are given as 17,675 barrels, against 57,300 barrels up to the same date last year.

Say, Just Read This.

Trawling, the most common way of taking green codfish, is described in the "Edison Monthly," which says two men put out in a dory and anchor a pair of buoys a short distance apart. A little further on they set a second pair. A line or trawl is stretched between each pair; hooks are attached at distances of about a foot and each hook is baited with a herring.

Porgies Are Worth Something.

In Virginia's total fisheries product for last year, \$7,500,000, menhaden fishing was quite an item, amounting to \$1,250,000. Of this fish 500,000,000 were taken, the valuation for same being averaged at \$2.50 per thousand.

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SEVERAL IN FROM EASTWARD

FISH AT T WHARF THIS MORNING BRINGING LOWER PRICES.

T wharf was well stocked with fresh fish this morning after the short supply of the week, a total of 24 crafts being there for the opening trade.

From the offshore are schs. Conqueror with 51,000 pounds, Valerie, 57,000 pounds, Esperanto, 30,000 pounds, Lillian, 60,000 pounds, and the steam trawlers Spray and Foam with about 43,000 pounds each.

Prices have taken a tumble on all kinds of fish except a few halibut which brought 29 cents a pound for white and 17 cents a pound for gray, which is an extra high price. There was less than 1500 pounds brought in by the fleet, and this was quickly gobbled up by the dealers.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Alice, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 4000 haddock, 4000 hake.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 4000 haddock, 2600 cod.

Sch. Washakie, 7000 haddock, 1200 cod, 5000 halibut.

Sch. Azorian, 1500 haddock, 700 cod.

Str. Spray, 43,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Conqueror, 30,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 5000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Valerie, 30,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Esperanto, 20,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2500 hake, 200 halibut.

Sch. Lillian, 35,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 3000 hake, 3000 cusk, 600 halibut.

Sch. Rita A. Viator 1700 haddock, 700 cod, 2200 hake.

Sch. Stranger, 7000 haddock, 2500 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Harriett, 5500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Winnifred, 8500 haddock, 1100 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Adeline, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 hake, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 400 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 7000 haddock, 900 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 7500 haddock, 100 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Manomet, 7000 haddock, 1700 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Yankee, 4500 haddock, 400 cod, 3500 hake.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 1500 haddock, 1100 cod, 6500 hake.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 6000 haddock, 800 cod, 2000 hake.

Str. Foam, 43,000 haddock, 300 cod, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$3; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; cusk, \$1.50 to \$2.50; halibut, 29 cts. per lb. for white, 17 cts. per lb. for gray.

RAN INTO WHARF BUILDING.

Sch. Edith Silveria Was Getting Under Way at T Wharf.

While sch. Edith Silveria of this port was leaving her berth on the south side of T wharf, Boston, yesterday for the fishing grounds, she crashed into the end of Long wharf, inflicting considerable damage to the wharf structure.

The tug Valora pulled the schooner from the fleet of vessels moored at the fish pier and gave her a start down the harbor. The crew was engaged in hoisting sail, but before the schooner was under control the momentum given her sent her with great force against the end of Long wharf.

The Valora soon got a line to the schooner and started down stream with her. Apparently she sustained no damage, but it will cost several hundred dollars to repair the injury to the building on the pier.

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Making Big Money.

Nine crews of Greeks are fishing sponges on the Dog Island reefs, says the Apalachicola, Fla., "Times," and one of the men admitted they were averaging \$500 per man a week. A visitor to the fleet says many of the yellow sponges he saw from these reefs were of unusual quality for yellows, while the sheep wool were of superior excellence.

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TALKED FISH AND LOBSTERS.

"Canada may adopt laws regulating the legal length of lobsters, which will be similar to the Maine laws," said Fish Commissioner Donohue of Maine. "Recently a member of the Canadian Parliament at Ottawa sent to me for a copy of the Maine laws in regard to the lobster fishing industry and the member of parliament said he hoped to secure similar laws to the lobster laws of Maine, for Canada."

"At the present time lobsters must be 9½ inches to be of legal length in Canada, but certain counties have adopted laws that lobsters must be 10½ inches in length to be of legal length. The legal length in Maine is 10½ inches and if the same law were adopted by other states and by Canada it would be of great benefit to the lobster fishing industry."

Commissioner Donohue says that the past season has been a decidedly successful one for the cruiser Sheldrake, as 25 per cent. more lobster fry has been collected than last season.

In speaking of the amount of porgies caught off the Maine coast during the present year the commissioner said that the catch by steamers owned by individuals outside of the state amounted to \$100,000, and local fishermen caught fully \$25,000 worth of the small fish.

"I was talking with one of the best posted men in the porgie fishing industry recently," said Commissioner Donohue, "and he told me that millions of dollars worth of porgies would have been caught had the fishermen had the apparatus with which to work. It is amusing to note that about one year ago many fishermen said that seines must be prohibited or the herring and mackerel would be exterminated. The past season proved a record breaker for herring catches and at many places along the coast the herring were practically given away. Not for 20 years have the fishermen caught so many mackerel on the Maine coast. There is just one reason why the mackerel and the porgies have not come to Maine waters before and that is, because they were diverged from this direction because they did not find feeding grounds."

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Fulton Market Fish Notes.

Business at Fulton Market, N. Y., was only fair in the salt water fish market during last week, says the Fishing Gazette. On Tuesday and Wednesday it appeared as if there would be a short supply of stock and that prices would be right. On Thursday it was found that there was ample green stock to meet the demand and that only frozen fish called for was summer caught stock. The market was closed from Saturday to Tuesday because of Christmas.

During the forepart of the week cod fish was plentiful, overland market stock selling at 2 cents to 3 cents per pound. On Thursday and Friday 4 cents to 5 cents was the quotation. Steak cod stock at 5 cents to 9 cents per pound.

Flounders were scarce, selling at 5 cents to 7 cents per pound.

Haddock brought 4 cents to 5 cents during the entire week.

Hake was scarce, selling at 6 cents to 7 cents on Thursday.

Caught a Shark.

It took Eddie Armstrong aboard the fishing sch. Elizabeth Nunan to find the shark that once through Neptune's Hall did disport himself. Eddie discovered the shark disporting himself on a trawl hook down off the eastward fishing grounds Monday night. The shark was eight feet long, weighed over 200 pounds, and had a disagreeable disposition. He swallowed the trawl hook and was only prevented from seasoning this dish with Armstrong himself by receiving a series of cracks over the head with an oar, delivered in rapid fire order by the said Armstrong.

Getting Ready Early.

The Provincetown schs. Matchless and Mary C. Santos which have been hauled up at this port, are fitting out for haddocking.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie arrived at Halifax Monday last and cleared for the fishing ground.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley, formerly owned at this port but now under a British flag, arrived at White Head, N. S., Monday last, from Bay of Islands, N. F., bound to Halifax, with a cargo of herring.

All Ready For Maiden Trip.

The new steam trawler Swell finished taking aboard ice, bait and supplies at Boston yesterday and will sail on her maiden trip today.

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THE NEWFOUNDLAND MARKET.

Nearly All Available Fish Bought by Gloucester Concern.

As to the situation near the fishing grounds, the St. John's, N. F., "Trade Review" says there is nothing new in fish prices. The only transactions are between planters or outport business men on the one hand, and the exporting merchants on the other. While the prices are nominally quoted the same as last week, the parties to transactions are not talking loud enough for publication.

The markets are keeping healthy, and exporters, notwithstanding the high prices, will come through the season all right. A feature of the situation will be clean stores in the spring. From time immemorial there have been several thousand quintals of late-caught fish held over all winter, and this was more particularly the case from St. John's South and West. There will be none of this next year. The late fall and winter fish of the west coast has been bought ahead by American firms, and nearly all of the available fish at Petty Harbor and vicinity has been bought by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. within the last two weeks. This condition must of necessity make for high prices for the first dry fish ready for market next summer.

AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY.

Smelt Fishery of New Brunswick Worth Over \$700,000 Annually.

Smelt fishing in New Brunswick, which commences the first of December, is an important industry, last year's catch amounting to \$726,661.

The smelt is the smallest and at the same time one of the best fish on the market. Its weight is one to two ounces. They are caught in nets through the ice or from scows anchored at different stations in the streams flowing into the ocean. They float in and out with the tide in great numbers and it is not an uncommon thing at the first of the season for a single net to take a ton or more of the fish per day. Buyers have been paying as high as \$110 per ton. The fish are frozen after caught and are placed in the market in that condition.

They are more numerous in the streams and rivers flowing into the Gulf of St. Lawrence, particularly the Miramichi, Buctouche, and Richibucto.

Motor Boats Are the Thing.

Fishermen of the Shetland Islands are wide-awake, it seems, to the value of motor fishing boats as against the slow-moving sailboat, and the fleets the coming year will be noteworthy for the diminution in the number of sailing craft, says a correspondent of the London "Fish Trades Gazette." With the re-commencement of the haddock line fishing on the west of Shetland, there has been a considerable addition to the number of motor skiffs at Scalloway and Hamnavoe. Last year ended with a total of half a dozen motor boats working there, and their crews were so well pleased with them that other fishermen have been induced to invest in motors. So far as Scalloway is concerned, the motor boat has evidently come to stay, and it is fast superseding the Shetland four-oar and lug-sail boat.

Porto Rico Market.

S. Ramirez & Co., in their weekly report, dated December 19, give arrivals of fishstuffs as follows. At San Juan, per Caracas, 10 tcs. codfish; per Coamo, 261 tcs. codfish. At Ponce, 190 tcs. cod, 50 tcs. pollock. At Mayaguez, 25 tcs. dry fish. At Arecibo, 150 tcs. codfish. At Arroyo, 60 tcs. codfish. Severe storms have interrupted traffic between seaports and the interior and stocks have accumulated. The quotations are: Codfish, \$7.75 to \$8 per 100 lbs.; pollock and haddock, \$5 to \$5.25.

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LUNENBURG CRAFTS MAKE MONEY.

Remarkable Financial Returns to Owners of Some High Liners.

In the year 1911 just closed, the Lunenburg fishermen have broken all their records, says the Halifax Herald. They never before caught so many fish, nor received such big prices. There were 123 schooners fishing on the Grand Banks, or at North Bay, and their total catch for the year is 237,590 quintals, an average of 1931 quintals per vessel. In addition to this, there were about 45 smaller craft fishing off-shore, and their catch is 3850 quintals, making a grand total of 241,440.

The previous year there were 102 schooners engaged in fishing, and their catch was 207,605 quintals, an average of 2035 quintals per vessel. The amount of fish caught by Lunenburg vessels has steadily increased from year to year. The following is the record since 1906:

Year.	Vessels engaged.	Quintals.
1906	134	120,970
1907	109	123,625
1908	110	138,180
1909	93	173,582
1910	102	207,605
1911	123	237,590

The Herald goes on to say: "The last two years have found the fleet rapidly increasing in size, and next year's fleet will probably be ten or 12 vessels larger than that of this year."

"This increase in the fleet's size is due in some measure to the advantages which our fishermen possess over the Americans, who are seriously handicapped in obtaining bait in Newfoundland."

"Our own supply of bait is not adequate, and were we debarr'd from getting bait at Newfoundland ports, as are the Americans, the result would be a marked decrease in our fisheries."

"The matter of bait, so far as this country is concerned, was one of the crucial questions in the late federal election. The passage of the reciprocity pact would have allowed American vessels to come into our ports to buy bait for a license fee of \$1 per vessel. This reduction of the license fee from \$1.50 a ton—equivalent to \$125 per vessel—to a paltry \$1 per vessel, would certainly have resulted in a marked reduction in the supply of Nova Scotia bait available for our vessels."

The schooner Harry W. Adams, a new vessel, launched last winter, from Smith and Rhuland's yard, is high line, with 3325 quintals. The figures at the end of this article are taken from the records at the customs' office and are not absolutely correct. The customs' records show two other vessels—the Frank H. Adams and the Henry L. Montague—as hauling for more than the Harry W. Adams, which is credited with 3,350 quintals. The Frank H. Adams is credited with 3,470 and the Montague with 3,450. The former's catch is 3,150, and the latter's about 3,200, while the correct catch

for the Harry W. Adams is 3,325. The commander of the Harry W. Adams is Captain Daniel Zinck. He is about 54 years of age, and has followed the sea all his life. Most high-line vessels make three trips to the Banks during the season, but Captain Zinck made only two, and his catch of 3325 is the more remarkable for that.

"The price of fish has varied during the season from \$6.25 to \$7.02 per quintal. The average has been about \$6.75. Taking that as the average price the total value of our fisheries this year amounts to the splendid sum of \$1,629,780—over a million and a half."

The stock of one vessel—the high-line Harry W. Adams—sold for \$22,650, and her crew of sixteen sharemen received \$601.10 each for less than six months' work.

"Nearly all the vessels are paying handsome dividends—35 to 50 per cent., and some are doing better than that."

"There are sixty-four shares in each vessel. A share in a new vessel costs in the neighborhood of \$125. The shareholders generally pay only for the hull and let the vessel earn the cost of her sails and other rigging. In these days of prosperity a vessel will usually do this in one year, and often there are dividends for shareholders, too."

A GREAT DECLINE.

In the Shipbuilding Industry of the State of Maine.

Maine's shipbuilding record in 1911 emphasizes the decline of that once great industry, the entire output of the state, including all sorts of craft of all sizes, falling below 10,000 tons, whereas in times past the new tonnage ranged from 30,000 to 40,000 and occasionally as high as 60,000 or 70,000 tons.

Very few sailing vessels were built, and few of these registered over 100 tons. In only one district, Bath, did the industry make even a respectable showing last year, the output of the other districts being confined chiefly to fishing craft, many of these propelled by gasoline power. The operations at Bath aggregated 7428 gross tons.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Flirt from Bonne Bay, N. F., arrived at Lunenburg, N. S., Tuesday last and cleared for this port.

Sch. Gladiator from Bay of Islands, N. F., with salt herring arrived at Lunenburg, N. S., Tuesday last.

Sch. James W. Parker arrived at Lunenburg, N. S., Tuesday last and cleared.

The British sch. Eva Blanche, from Newfoundland with a cargo of frozen and pickled herring harbored at Lunenburg, N. S., Tuesday last.

Galveston Fish Notes.

The fishing sch. Good Hope made port at Galveston, Tex., last week, with a cargo of red snapper, weighing 34,000 pounds.

The fishing sch. Elmo, Capt. M. Brandt, of the Gulf fisheries fleet, returned to Galveston, Tex., last week to report the loss from the ship at sea of Fred Stack, a friend of the captain and a passenger for the trip. Nobody saw him fall overboard and no trace of him was left aboard ship.

Portland Fish Notes.

A good part of the Portland fishing fleet came into the harbor Wednesday. The following fares were reported: Albert D. Willard, 10,000; Katie L. Palmer, 12,000; Topsall Girl, 12,000; Leo, 12,000; Pantoset, 6000; Fanny Reed, 10,000; Fannie Hayden, 6000.

Will Haul Up.

The sch. Lawrence Murdock arrived at Portland late Tuesday evening from this port. She will load for South Brooksville and will haul up for the winter on arriving there.

Will Go Pollock Seining.

Steamer Dauntless, here from Cape Porpoise, Me., to fit for pollock seining under Capt. Joseph Graham.

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LIVES LOST ON AMERICAN VESSELS

Numbered 190 During the Year Which Ended June 30, 1911.

One hundred and ninety lives were lost on American merchant vessels during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1911, a decrease of 157 from the figures of the preceding year, according to the 43d annual List of Merchant Vessels of the United States, just compiled by the bureau of navigation of the Department of Commerce and Labor. Three hundred and fifteen vessels were lost this year, compared with 380 in 1910.

According to the report, Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, has a fleet of 239 vessels, employed on nearly all of the waters of the United States.

The lighthouse service ranks first in the number of vessels owned and operated among the 12 bureaus in the Department of Commerce and Labor. It has under its command 111 vessels. The bureau of navigation charters 62 gasoline motorboats. In northern waters the boats are used in the summer only, while in southern waters they are employed more in winter than in summer. Congress annually appropriates \$15,000 for the hiring of motorboats for the use of the bureau of navigation.

Fourteen steam and three sailing vessels are operated by the coast and

geodetic survey. Five are employed on the Atlantic and gulf coasts, six along the Pacific coast, and in Alaskan waters, five in the Philippines, and one by the lighthouse bureau.

The bureau of fisheries owns and operates four steamers and one sea-going schooner. The largest steamer on the Pacific coast is especially equipped for scientific work, and is of frequent service for investigations in Alaska. A smaller vessel in the Atlantic is employed in coastwise investigations and in surveys of the oyster grounds of the Atlantic and gulf states.

The bureau of immigration and naturalization controls seven vessels. They are used in the enforcement of the immigration laws, three in New York harbor, two in San Francisco, one in New Orleans, and one in San Juan, Porto Rico.

The list of merchant vessels and signal code is divided into six parts, showing sailing vessels lost during the year, government vessels and code list of sea-going vessels and yachts.

The number of American merchant vessels lost during the year was 315, with an aggregate of 89,353 gross tons, having 2528 persons on board,

and 190 lives lost, as compared with 389 in 1910, with 125,789 gross tons, 4743 persons on board, and 347 lives lost. There were four yachts lost in 1910, aggregating 92 tons, with 15 persons aboard and no lives lost. In 1911 there were 10 yachts lost, aggregating 1015 tons, with 79 persons aboard and no lives lost.

The list contains the names of all vessels belonging to the government. Other important particulars given for each are displacement, tonnage, dimensions, when, where, and by whom built, material, propulsion, rig, indicated horsepower, speed and coal capacity.

The signal code list contains the international and inland rules for the preventions of collisions of vessels, the international code of signals, the funnel marks and house flags of some of the principal lines of steamers, and the plans of the principal countries of the world.

For the first time the list contains the "call letters" of American vessels, which are equipped with wireless apparatus.

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Harbored Elsewhere.

Sch. Erwin Luce and sloop America arrived at Boston yesterday with cargoes of stone from Rockport.

Sch. Frances Goodnow, South Amboy for this port, arrived at Vineyard Haven yesterday.

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THE ARRIVALS NUMBER TWO

SCH. FLIRT BRINGS HERRING, INGOMAR HAS HADDOCK AND COD.

One lone arrival was here in port early this morning, sch. Flirt from Bonne Bay, bringing 900 barrels of salt, 77 barrels of pickled and 200 barrels of frozen herring. The cargo is for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, the craft's owners.

Only the big steamers of the gill netting fleet were outside yesterday, each securing a medium sized fare.

Sch. Ingomar, from the Cape Shore, arrived shortly before noon today with a dandy fare of 70,000 pounds, which will net Capt. Horace Wildes and his crew a fine stock, owing to the prevailing high prices that are being paid.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Flirt, Bonne Bay, N. F., 900 bbls. salt herring, 77 bbls. pickled herring, 200 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary Emerson, shore.

Sch. Galatea, shore.

Sch. Little Fannie, shore.

Sch. Ingomar, Cape Shore, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium and \$3 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.

Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.

Eastern halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.87 1-2.

Eastern shuck cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Fresh Fish.

Fresh mackerel, large, 31c.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt., medium, \$2.10 per cwt.

Peak and Western Bank fresh codfish, \$2.60 per cwt. for large and \$2.10 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk, 60c.

Hake, \$1.45.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round 80c.

Bank halibut, 17 1-2c per lb., for white and 13c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, large, 26 to 36 cts. each.

Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.

Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.

Salt shore herring, \$1 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

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PORGIES FOR BAIT.

Cannot Be Beaten According to the Portland Fishing Skippers.

Portland fishermen are swearing by porgies for bait says the Portland Press.

Never before have they been able to use them. In old days, a number of the fish were salted and used in the days when salt bait was regarded with a great deal of favor. That was before the cold storage plants came into being and the fishermen could not get the frozen fish.

Now, however, there are porgies in stock in Portland and they are in great demand. Capt. William Black of the sch. Edmund F. Black and Capt. George Johnson of the Katie L. Palmer, both declare they have never had anything better than these fish. They are declared to be as good as herring or bluebacks, and this seems to be so, for both skippers are landing big fares with the new bait.

The past summer was the first time in 15 years that the porgies have struck the Maine coast. Advantage was taken of the opportunity and the freezers laid in a good supply of the fish for bait. Now the fishermen are using them in large quantities and are delighted.

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FROZEN HERRING CATCH.

Norway Fishermen Keeping Up Well With Last Year's Record.

The Fishing Gazette of last week says:

Fair quantities of Scotch and Irish herring continue to be received at New York, but demand is light. Prices are firm because holders reckon storage charges now whenever big sales are talked of. Transactions for the last few weeks, locally, have been few—buyers preferring, apparently, to let the importers hold a majority of the stocks, hoping for a decline in prices. The market for Holland herrings is unchanged and new stocks are moving slowly. Dealers in New York argue that the foreigners are making a mistake this year in mixing much old, carried over stock with the new. There is said to be a large quantity of this mixed fish in the local market and it is being sold for what buyers will offer, regardless of stated quotations.

Reports received in New York by the Norway consul show that the herring fishing in Norway is keeping up well, though the total catch is some 30,000 crans behind 1910 for large herring and 80,000 barrels behind the fat herring fishing of the same year. For the week ending December 9, for instance, the total of 444,705 crans of fat herring were disposed of as follows: Exported in ice, 41,801 crans; to oil factories, 148,360 crans; for pickling in barrels, 314,150.

PENSACOLA FISH NOTES.

Many Crafts Had Fine Catches In On New Year's Day.

One hundred and thirty-two thousand pounds made up the total snapper receipts at the Warren and E. E. Saunders Fish Companies at Pensacola New Year's Day. If making a good start counts for anything this year will undoubtedly be the biggest year in the history of the greatest snapper port in the world in so far as receipt of fish is concerned. Monday's receipts brought in by six crafts is the largest single day's receipts in many weeks.

At three and a half cents a pound, the price that the companies pay for the fish, the total receipts reported represents \$4,620. It is one of the largest single day's receipts in many weeks and as a consequence many fishermen will have a comfortable purse on which to start the year 1912. The most lucky crew was that of the sch. John M. Keen, Captain "Big Gus," as he is familiarly known to his friends, reported a catch of 35,000 pounds of snappers. He was out only 16 days.

The following are the crafts reported New Year's Day and their respective catches:

Ruth A. Welles, 24,000; John M. Keen, 35,000; Seacornett, 27,000; Louise Harper, 18,000; Ida M. Silva, 8,000; all to the Saunders Company. The smack Culebra of the Warren Fish Company reported a catch of 20,000 pounds.

QUINLAN AND WELCH IN LUCK.

STRIKE BARE MARKET AT T WHARF TODAY WITH GOOD FARES.

Only two arrivals were at T dock, Boston, this morning, both crafts coming in from off shore with fine fares of mixed fish.

They are sch. Moonam, Capt. Hugh Quinlan and sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch. The former hails for 50,000 pounds, and the latter 68,000 pounds of ground fish and 1000 pounds of halibut.

Although the latter part of the week is rather quiet for trade, the scarcity of fish during the week, and the storm which is likely to interfere with the shore fleet has kept the prices up, and there will be no trouble in disposing of the fares of both crafts.

Fancy prices prevail, haddock selling from \$4.25 to \$4.50 a hundred weight, large cod, \$4.60, markets, \$3, pollock, \$4.60, hake, \$4.75, cusk, \$1.50. The halibut fare of sch. Lucania sold at 28 cents a pound for white and 18 cents a pound for gray.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Sch. Moonam, 30,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Lucania, 31,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 3000 hake, 10,000 cusk, 2500 pollock, 1000 halibut.

Haddock, \$4.25 to \$4.60 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.60; market cod, \$3; pollock, \$4.60; hake, \$4.75; cusk, \$1.50; halibut, 28 cents per lb. for white, 18 cents per lb. for gray.

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FAVORABLE HERRING NEWS.

VESSELS WILL SOON BE TAKING CARGOES AT PORT AUX BASQUES.

Fishermen at Bay of Islands, who have had a quantity of herring stored along the shore were made glad by the appearance of a frost, which arrived early last Sunday afternoon.

About six carloads of good fish were made ready for shipment to Port Aux Basques, which left Bay of Islands by the first freight.

They will be received by the sch. Argenia consigned to the Halifax Cold Storage Company of Halifax. The water above the ice from Birch Cove is now skimmed over and should it remain cold any length of time it will be suitable for fishermen to fish through.

It is reported that all the fishing in Bonne Bay is now wholly carried on through the ice. The Massachusetts recently went to Bonne Bay, but has returned to the Bay of Islands.

None of the captains have been in from the Arms for about 10 days, consequently but little news has been received from that source. The reports from Middle Arm are favorable. The captain of the Home who arrived at Bay of Islands Monday, says all the vessels are likely to load.

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The Fisheries of Korea.

Writing about the commercial year of 1910 in Korea, U. S. Consul General George H. Seidmore, stationed in Seoul, says the coasts of Korea and outlying waters abound in cod, sardines, bream, sharks, beche de mer, ray, sea-eels, mackerel, yellow tail, whale and seaweed, but primitive and defective methods of capture and frail boats are still in use. The Japanese authorities are taking energetic measures to improve this promising source of income. The annual value of Korean fisheries is estimated at about \$3,984,000.

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Fitting for Haddocking.

Sch. Speculator is fitting for the winter haddock fishery under command of Capt. Douglass McLean.

Jan. 6.

WITH PRICES AT TOP NOTCH

SCH. ELSIE AND ELMER E. GRAY HAVE FINE FARES AT T WHARF.

Business at T wharf, Boston this morning was rather quiet after yesterday's storm and blow, only two crafts being reported there. They are sch. Elsie with about 80,000 pounds and sch. Elmer E. Gray with 53,000 pounds of fresh fish.

All the shore fleet are in port, consequently the fresh fish market is likely to remain quite short. With the prevailing high prices that are being offered, the crews of both crafts will realize some dandy stocks. That of the Elsie should be the largest of the winter and perhaps one of the very best on record.

Haddock sold at \$4.60 to \$4.65 a hundred weight, large cod, \$5.25 to \$6, markets, \$3 to \$4, and hake, \$5 to \$6.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Sch. Elsie, 55,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 3000 hake, 700 halibut.

Haddock, \$4.60 to \$4.65 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.25 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$5 to \$6.

GIVEN UP BUT RETURNED.

Mates Thought Mark Dyer Lost But He Made the Lightship.

All in one day, Mark Dyer, a South Portland fisherman, was given up for lost and was brought safely into port. The news that he had been drowned was brought into Portland by Capt. William Collins who arrived Wednesday forenoon with his flag at half mast. He said that during Tuesday night, it had blown very hard off the port. Capt. Collins and John H. Turner, who had been fishing with Dyer thought the last named man would be unable to reach port in his dory and could not find him. They came into port and reported the man as lost.

It developed Wednesday, however, that Dyer had been able to reach the Cape Elizabeth lightship without much trouble and had passed the night on board that craft. Wednesday noon he was brought to Portland by Capt. Winfield Horr, another fisherman.

Looking Up Fish Paste and Meal.

Food experts from the United States are said to be studying the methods of some of the best known fish factories of Northern Europe where fish pastes are made in great variety. The latter, as is well known in fisheries circles, are made from fish that have no commercial value as fresh or salted food, but which possesses high nutritive value. It is said the fish of the shark and the whale are largely utilized for the preparation of a fish extract that is as nutritive as beef extract but far cheaper in cost of preparation. All strong, fishy flavor is eliminated by chemical process. So far this shark and whale extract is said to be extremely valuable as a base for soaps, but it is also used in general cookery. In many fish factories of Norway a fish meal is made that is eaten extensively by the natives of Northern Europe.

Bad Day on the Water.

Schs. Elsie and Elmer E. Gray, which arrived at T wharf yesterday afternoon, report bad weather outside, with the wind blowing at a 50 mile an hour gale.

The steamer City of Gloucester reached her berth this morning in Boston after her run from this port, and was considerably iced up.

Portland Fish Notes.

Fish were reported in good quantity at Portland Thursday, the following fares being brought in for the local dealers: Eva and Mildred, 17,000; Albert W. Black, 14,000; Marion Turner, 9000; Lochinvar, 6000; Bernie and Bessie, 3000; Mary E. Sennett, 3000; Teddy Roosevelt, 10,000.

Cured Fish All Here.

Practically all of the salt fish and smoked herring to the eastward that has been held at Portland for shipment to this port has now been sent on its way.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch., James W. Parker arrived at Liverpool, N. S., Tuesday last and cleared for the fishing ground.

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STORM KEPT THE FLEET IN.

BUT SOME GILL NETTERS MANAGED TO LIFT THEIR NETS.

Yesterday's storm kept the shore fleet in port, and but few ventured out, outside of the gill netters who brought in about 20,000 pounds of fresh fish among them.

The wind and sea which was quite heavy during the early part of the afternoon prevented the gill netter Enterprise from picking up her nets and she came in without a fare.

Not an off shore arrival has been in since sch. Ingomar yesterday noon.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and prices in detail are:

Steamer Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 2600 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Rough Rider, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Weazel, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Nomad, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

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Steamer Margaret D., gill netting, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Eagle, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bethulia, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer F. S. Wilhard gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Enterprise, gill netting.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Adeline, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Lavernia, haddocking.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, Cape Porpoise.

Sch. Richard J. Nunan, Cape Porpoise.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, Cape Porpoise.

Sch. Preceptor, halibuting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium and \$3 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.

Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.

Eastern halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.

Haddock, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.87 1-2.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Fresh Fish.

Fresh mackerel, large, 31c.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt., medium, \$2.10 per cwt.

Peak and Western Bank fresh codfish, \$2.60 per cwt. for large and \$2.10 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk, 60c.

Hake, \$1.45.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round 80c.

Bank halibut 17 1-2c per lb., for white and 13c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, large, 26 to 36 cts. each.

Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.

Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.

Salt shore herring, \$1 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

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AMBERGRIS KICKED ABOUT

For months William H. White of Brooklyn threw and kicked round an article that was worth \$19,000, and at one time he was on the verge of throwing it into the ash heap without realizing its value. The article was a large piece of ambergris that had been coughed up by a whale and washed ashore.

With the money that he obtains from its sale, White intends to buy a chicken farm on Long Island, near the water. There, while raising fowl, he will search the beach daily for ambergris.

White found the ambergris at Nantasket Beach, where his father and mother live. In summer he goes there, taking fishing and excursion parties out in a sloop. He picked up the ambergris months ago because he had seen nothing before like it.

He placed it among his collection of curios. Recently he was sorting the collection with a view to throwing away many of the pieces. He intended to throw away the ambergris. His father chanced to examine it closely and suggested that its novelty warranted an investigation. It was taken to Charles S. Bolling, the city chemist, who said it was ambergris and worth \$19,000.